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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant: Blejde et al.  
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RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants hereby respond to the Office Action of November 17, 2004. Also filed herewith is a provisional terminal disclaimer, and a check for the fees for the provisional terminal disclaimer.

Claims 1-37 were originally presented, but claims 27-37 have been withdrawn from consideration in response to a request for election and restriction. Claims 1-26 still remaining in the case are as follows: